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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL A, WE WILL MAKE IT CLEAR
TO SOVIET SIDE THAT DRAFT FORMULATION CONCERNING CONDITIONS
UNDER WHICH INSTRUMENTATION-ONLY RADARS MAY BE DEPLOYED
MEANS THAT OTHER RADARS OF THOSE TYPES MAY NOT BE DEPLOYED
FOR OTHER PURPOSES AND/OR AT LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE
SPECIFIED IN THE PERMISSIVE PROVISION OF PARA II.6 OF
DRAFT AGREED STATEMENT.

2. SUGGESTED ADDITION TO TEXT OF PARA II.6 COULD RUN
COUNTER TO OBJECTIVE OF PREVENTING UNCONSTRAINED DEPLOYMENT
OF ABM-CAPABLE RADARS. INSERTION OF PHRASE
"OF A TYPE" COULD BE INTERPRETED AS BROADENING EXEMPTION
FROM CATEGORIZATION AS ABM RADAR OR RADAR TESTED IN AN
ABM MODE, SO AS TO RENDER INEFFECTIVE THE DEPLOYMENT
CONSTRAINTS INTENDED BY PARA II.6 OF THE DRAFT AGREED
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STATEMENT. THAT IS, APPLYING THE EXEMPTION TO RADARS OF
SAME TYPES AS THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED, LOCATED,
AND USED AS SPECIFIED IN THE DRAFT FORMULATION--RATHER
THAN APPLYING THIS EXEMPTION ONLY TO RADARS WHICH THEM-
SELVES ARE SO CONSTRUCTED, LOCATED, AND USED--COULD MEAN
THAT THE FORMER CATEGORY COULD BE LOCATED ANYWHERE AND
USED FOR ANY PURPOSE WITH IMPUNITY, SINCE THEY WOULD BE

EXEMPT FROM APPLICATION OF THE TERM "TESTED IN AN ABM MODE."

3. WITHOUT INSERTION OF PHRASE "OF A TYPE", THE EXEMPTION FROM CATEGORIZATION AS "TESTED IN AN ABM MODE" APPLIES ONLY TO RADARS ACTUALLY LOCATED AND USED UNDER THE TERMS SPECIFIED.

4. EXAMPLE FOLLOWS:

A. WITHOUT INSERTION OF PHRASE "OF A TYPE": RADAR NUMBER ONE OF TYPE X IS CONSTRUCTED, DEVELOPED, AND LOCATED AS SPECIFIED IN PARA II.6. HENCE, IT IS EXEMPT FROM CLASSIFICATION AS TESTED IN AN ABM MODE. SO ARE RADARS NUMBER TWO THROUGH TEN, AS LONG AS ANY LOCATION OR USE OF RADARS TWO THROUGH TEN ALSO CONFORMS TO THESE TERMS OF PARA II.6. IF RADAR NUMBER ELEVEN OF TYPE X IS DEPLOYED AS "AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL" RADAR AT LENINGRAD AIRPORT, ITS DEPLOYMENT IS INCONSISTENT WITH ABM TREATY. THAT IS, THE DEPLOYMENT IS VULNERABLE TO CHALLENGE BECAUSE TERM "TESTED IN AN ABM MODE" IS APPLICABLE TO IT UNDER PARA II.4, AND ARTICLES I, II, III OF TREATY APPLY.

B. WITH INSERTION OF PHRASE "OF A TYPE": CONSIDERATIONS CONCERNING RADARS NUMBER ONE THROUGH TEN OF TYPE X ARE SAME AS NOTED ABOVE. HOWEVER, IF EXEMPTION IS GRANTED
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TO ALL RADARS OF TYPE X BY MEANS OF ADDING THE PHRASE "OF A TYPE" IN PARA II.6, THE DEPLOYMENT OF RADAR NUMBER ELEVEN OF TYPE X, PURPORTEDLY AS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL RADAR AT LENINGRAD, IS NOT VULNERABLE TO CHALLENGE SINCE PARA II.6 WOULD STATE THAT TERM "TESTED IN AN ABM MODE" DOES NOT APPLY TO SUCH "RADARS OF A TYPE..." BUCHHEIM

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